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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: F-111 DEPLOYMENT TO PERSIAN GULF AREA

REF: STATE 167241

1. WHILE WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT PROPOSED F-111 DEPLOYMENT AS DESCRIBED REFTEL WILL ENHANCE US-IRANIAN MILITARY TIES IN ANY SIGNIFICANT WAY, WE SEE NO REASON NOT TO REQUEST GOI APPROVAL FOR FLY-IN IF IT IS DEEMED USEFUL EXPERIENCE FOR USAF TRAINING PURPOSES. WE NOTE CONTINUING ARAB CONCERN WITH ALLEGED US MILITARY PREPARATIONS TO PROTECT ME OIL INTERESTS (BEIRUT 9914). IRANIAN SENSITIVITY TO BIG POWER INVOLVEMENT IN GULF AND FACT THAT FTX ARESH 73, JOINT US-IRANIAN SPECIAL FORCES EXERCISE, WILL BE ENDING ABOUT TIME OF PROPOSED F-11YDD VISIT. WE ASSUME THESE FACTORS HAVE BEEN WEIGHED IN WASHINGTON IN PLANNING FOR DEPLOYMENT.

2. WHEN REQUESTING GOI APPROVAL FOR DEPLOYMENT, WE SHOULD

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BE ABLE TO PROVIDE, IN ADDITION TO USUAL CLEARANCE DATA,

PRECISE STATEMENT OF PARTICIPATION WHICH WE MAY OFFER TO IIAF AND IIN. WE SHOULD ALSO ASK IRANIANS WHAT THEY PREFER TO DO ABOUT PUBLICITY FOR DEPLOYMENT AND SUGGEST FOR THEIR APPROVAL CONTINGENCY PRESS STATEMENT. BECAUSE F-111S HAVE ALREADY VISITED TEHRAN, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT GOI WILL DESIRE STOPOVER AND SUGGEST IT NOT BE PROPOSED. GOI IS VERY SENSITIVE TO OVERFLIGHTS OF COUNTRY BY AIRCRAFT CARRY PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT; THIS MAY CAUSE PROBLEM IN OBTAINING APPROVAL. FINALLY, OWING TO GOI BUREAUCRATIC PROCESSES, WE BELIEVE ALLOWANCE MUST BE MADE FOR AT LEAST SIX WEEKS' LEAD TIME FROM DATE OF OUR RECEIPT OF CINCUSAFE REQUEST TO AIRCRAFT DEPLOYMENT PERIOD. ADDITIONALLY, AS SEP-TEMBER WILL BE BUSY MONTH FOR MAAG AND DAO PERSONNEL, WE REQUEST DEPLOYMENT BE DEFERRED UNTIL OCTOBER.

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